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(b) whether the Government have ordered any enquiry thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Yes, the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards enquired into the matter personally and reported that the President had no grievance against the Regional Inspector."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know what action has been taken against the officer who has rudely behaved towards the Panchayat Board? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards who investigated this matter reported that no punishment was called for and so the matter has been closed."

Constitution of Regional Advisory Boards for cottage industries.

* 811 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether Regional Advisory Boards have been constituted for cottage industries; and

(b) if so, in what regions and for what industries?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) Regional Advisory Boards have been set up for the following regions for the industries noted against them :—

(1) Sivakasi and Sathur areas in Ramanathapuram district—Match industry.

(2) Tuticorin and Tiruchenur areas in Tirunelveli district —Palmyra fibre and leaf products.

(3) Dindigul area in Madurai district—Leather goods manufacture."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that in Punyankulam there is a sacred industry called the Pavithra Modiram industry and also there is a famous pottery industry in Papperi in Taliparamba and Badagara and Arichakara? If so, will the Government encourage these industries by constituting advisory boards for them also and giving them financial assistance? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am sorry, Sir, that I am not personally aware of all that. If the hon. Member could give me particulars I shall go into the question and constitute an advisory committee and give them such assistance as the Government can."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know if the match industry in Sivakasi is run on a cottage basis and if so, may I know how many families are engaged in it? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" கோயம்புத்தூர் ஜில்லாவில் சில இடங்களில் ஆட்டு ரோமத்தைக்கொண்டு கம்பளம் நெய்யும் தொழில் நடைபெற்றுவருகிறது. அவர்கள் பழைய முறையிலேயே அந்தத் தொழிலை செய்து வருகிறார்கள். அந்தப் பிரதேசத்தில் Regional Advisory Boards நிறுவி அவைகளின் மூலம் இத்தொழிலை நடத்துவதற்கு சர்க்கார் யோசிக்குமா என்று கேட்கிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may tell the hon. Member that Government are not satisfied with the constitution of Regional Advisory Boards in these areas. I have already said that the Government have taken up the whole question of organizing cottage industries in the entire State."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" திருநெல்வேலி ஜில்லாவில் இருக்கும் அட்வைஸரி போர்டில் யார் யார் அங்கத்தினர்களாக இருக்கிறார்கள் என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Generally the match industry is run on a factory basis. If in this case an Advisory Board is set up, may I know what advice the Advisory Board will give to this industry? The Hon. Minister said that he had no idea as to the number of families engaged in the industry. How does he reconcile these views? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I know, Sir, that the match industry in Sattur and Sivakasi is run as a cottage industry. But that does not necessarily mean that I must have statistics with me ready on hand about the number of families engaged in it."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to enquire into the possibility of constituting a Board of Industry for the coir industry in Malabar, as it is a very important industry? As a matter of fact, the Travancore-Cochin State Government have already constituted such a Board and are giving much encouragement to the industry." 8-20 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall examine that suggestion."